



RHODE ISLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Resolution opposing expansion of the KeySpan LNG Terminal in Providence, RI and the creation of a terminal in Fall River, MA

WHEREAS, KeySpan LNG, L.P. proposes to convert its existing LNG storage tank at Fields Point in Providence to a marine terminal capable of receiving an estimated 50 LNG supertankers each year; and

WHEREAS, KeySpan LNG, L.P. proposes to construct a marine terminal at Weaver's Cove in neighboring Fall River, MA, along with a 50 million gallon storage tank capable of receiving an estimated 70 supertanker shipments each year; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects are located in urban areas within close proximity of elementary schools, major interstate highways, centers of commerce, residential neighborhoods, or Rhode Island Hospital, the only Level I Trauma Center for southeastern New England; and

WHEREAS, the financial cost of compensating victims and rebuilding damaged or destroyed facilities following a catastrophic attack on an urban LNG facility and/or LNG tanker would likely exceed any insurance carried by the owners and operators of the LNG facility and tanker; and

WHEREAS, an expanded LNG capacity poses a number of substantial environmental concerns, including disruption to ecological systems in Narragansett Bay; and

WHEREAS, a security risk management analysis by Richard A. Clarke found that a terrorist attack on such a terminal is consistent with demonstrated intent and capability and the consequences of a major attack could include fires that would damage homes, hospitals, schools, fuel storage, a chemical plant, and other infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the passage of LNG terminals and tankers in Narragansett Bay will place serious strains on the State of Rhode Island, including, the disruption of tourism and recreational boating industries, increased traffic caused by bridge closings, effects on the fishing and boating industries, costs to state and local law enforcement, and risks to plans for waterfront development; now be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council opposes any expansion of the KeySpan LNG, L.P. terminal in Providence or the creation of a terminal in Fall River due to the extraordinary environmental, economic and public safety concerns associated with proposals in such densely populated urban areas.

Proposed by: Lt. Gov. Charles J. Fogarty, Chairman